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In re Application of: **Josep B. Villá et al.** §
Serial No.: **10 / 551,586** §
Date Filed: **September 30, 2005** §
Title: **Self-locking Shaft** §
Group Art Unit: **3677**
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- ☒ Request for Correction in *Official Filing Receipt*;
- ☒ Copy of the *Official Filing Receipt*, with required corrections indicated thereon;
- ☒ Copy of the *Declaration* as filed on February 22, 2006; and
- ☒ Return postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-2511 for any underpayment of the fees required in association with the instant request.

Date: JUNE 9, 2006

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Since the incorrect recitation of the country of the fourth Applicant and title are believed to be the fault of the Office rather than the Applicant, it is respectfully submitted that no fees should be charged to Applicant for the requested correction. However, the Office is authorized to debit deposit account no. 01-2511 for any fees that may in fact be due in furtherance of the instant request.

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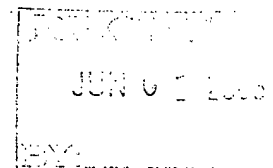
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Title

Self-locking shaft
shaft

Preliminary Class

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first-inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

SELF-LOCKING SHAFT

(Title of the invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) [] as United States Application Number or PCT International

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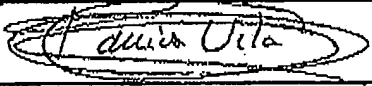
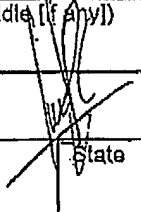
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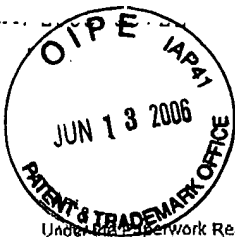
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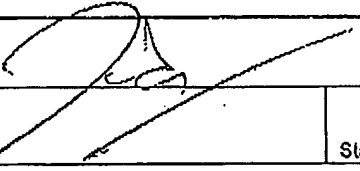
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